

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 10, lines 8-15 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

Next, the discharge head 2 is place in the container 3 in order to dip it into the liquid L. Then, the mechanism on the pressure reduction side of the pressure generator 27 of the pressure controller 4~~the pressure controller 5~~ is operated, and the pressure in the buffer tank 25 is reduced to a predetermined pressure. The solenoid valves 23 in the channels 17 of the discharge head are closed in advance of reducing the pressure. In this manner, when the solenoid valves 23 are closed, since the reservoir 16 in the discharge head 2 is connected to the buffer tank 25 via the tube 24, the pressure in this reservoir 16 is also reduced to the same pressure as the buffer tank 25.